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TOKYO MAY WISH TO GIVE COPY OF THIS MESSAGE TO MR. DALY.

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: WORLD AIRWAYS

1. MR DALY OF WORLD AIRWAYS HAS JUST TELEPHONED OUR ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE FROM TOKYO AND INFORMED HIM OF HIS INTENTION TO GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS VERSION OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM SAIGON DURING THE NIGHT AFTER BEING NOTIFIED BY MAC THAT HIS CONTRACT HAD BEEN TERMINATED.

2. IN ORDER TO KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT THERE IS BELOW THE ACCOUNT OF WHAT TRANSPIRED:

3. IN THE COURSE OF THE EVENING OF APRIL 14 MR. DALY RECEIVED WORD FROM HIS US HEADQUARTERS THAT MAC HAD TERMINATED HIS CONTRACT SINCE THE RICE AIRLIFT INTO PHNOM PENH HAS HAD TO BE DISCONTINUED. MR. DALY, EVIDENTLY INCENSED BY THIS NOTIFICATION, INFORMED THE AIR ATTACHE AS WELL AS VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS OF HIS IMMEDIATE
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INTENTION TO DEPART WITH HIS REMAINING AIRCRAFT FROM TAN SON NHUT

AIRPORT AND ALSO INDICATED THAT HE INTENDED TO TAKE ONBOARD THESE AIRCRAFT VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES OF WORLD AIRWAYS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY WERE PROPERLY DOCUMENTED WITH EXIT VISAS BY GVN AUTHORITIES. MR. DALY WAS STRONGLY ADVISED BY OUR AIR ATTACHE, COLONEL MCCURDY, AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE IN THE ILLEGAL REMOVAL OF VIETNAMESE CITIZENS SINCE DOING SO WOULD JEOPARDIZE EFFORTS TO ASSIST WITH THE LEGAL DEPARTURE OF ELIGIBLE VIETNAMESE WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF GVN AUTHORITIES. IN GIVING THIS ADVICE THE AIR ATTACHE REFLECTED THE SAME ADVICE GIVEN TO MR DALY PREVIOUSLY BY OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN WHICH THE POSSIBLY VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF ILLEGAL ACTIONS ON HIS PART WERE POINTED OUT TO HIM. REGARDLESS OF WHAT MR DALY MAY CLAIM, AT NO TIME WERE ANY THREATS MADE AGAINST HIM OR HIS AIRCRAFT. IN ADDITION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT MR. DALY WAS INFORMED BY VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS AT THE AIRPORT THAT THEY WOULD NOT PERMIT SUCH ILLEGAL DEPARTURES. CONSEQUENTLY, MR. DALY AND THE TWO REMAINING WORLD AIRWAYS PLANES DEPARTED TAN SON NHUT AT 0455 THIS MORNING COMPLETELY LEGALLY. MARTIN

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